

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 176

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Casey Ryans of Cherokee High School on being named the IMAC Player of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those student-athletes who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and who, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Casey Ryans, who was recently selected as the 2010-2011 Inter Mountain Athletic Conference (IMAC) Player of the Year in recognition of her remarkable success on the basketball court for the Lady Chiefs of Cherokee High School; and

WHEREAS, elected team captain by her teammates, Casey Ryans averaged fifteen points, ten rebounds, and two steals a game for the Lady Chiefs during her tremendous senior season that saw her become the school's second all-time leading scorer and the top rebounder in school history; and

WHEREAS, only the second Lady Chief to ever be named IMAC Player of the Year, Ms. Ryans was also voted IMAC Player of the Year by the media in addition to having been named to the IMAC All Tournament team and the Johnson City Honda Christmas All Tournament team; and

WHEREAS, continuing her basketball career at the collegiate level in the fall, Casey Ryans has committed to play at Morehead State University in Kentucky for the Lady Eagles of the Ohio Valley Conference; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Stacy and Jessica Ryans, Casey is also an exemplary student at Cherokee High School where she maintains a 4.0 grade point average and was previously selected as Female Student of the Year by the faculty for both her sophomore and junior years; and

WHEREAS, Casey Ryans carried out her duties as a student-athlete with the utmost acumen, alacrity, diligence, and character, earning the respect and admiration of her coaches, teammates, community, and many fans; and

WHEREAS, Casey Ryans exemplifies the unquestionable character and stalwart determination that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the family and friends of Casey Ryans of Cherokee High School in congratulating her upon her selection as the 2010-2011 IMAC Player of the Year, commend her for her substantial legacy as a student-athlete, and wish her much success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.